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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, VT, HU
SUBJECT: VATICAN-HUNGARY: NEW BISHOPS

1. THE VATICAN ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 6 THAT POPE PAUL HAD NAMED TWO NEW HUNGARIAN BISHOPS AND HAD TRANSFERRED TWO OTHER BISHOPS TO POSTS WITHIN HUNGARY, THEREBY FILLING ALL AVAILABLE BISHOPRICS IN THE COUNTRY.

2. THE POPE NAMED THE REVERED DR. LASZLO PASKAI, THE RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL CATHOLIC SEMINARY OF BUDAPEST, AS APOSTOLIC ADVISOR OF VESZPREM AND CONCURRENTLY AS TITULAR BISHOP OF BAVAGALIANA AND THE REVEREND DR. FERENC RESTA TO BE TITULAR BISHOP OF GARRIANA AND AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SZEKESFEERVAR.

3. THE POPE TRANSFERRED BISHOP JOZSEF BANK FROM EGER TO THE CATHEDRAL OF VAC AND AS HIS REPLACEMENT AT EGER, HE TRANSFERRED BISHOP LAZLO KADA FROM VESZPREM.

4. COMMENT: WITH THESE APPOINTMENTS, THE VATICAN, WITH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ASSENT, HAS RECONSTITUTED THE ENTIRE HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY. THIS EVENT REFLECTS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOOD RELATIONSHIP PREVAILING BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE GOH WHICH IS THE FRUIT OF VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI'S PATIENT OSTPOLITIK, INITIATED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO BY HIS TRIP TO BUDAPEST (MAY 3, 1963).GARDNER

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